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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides the use of a phosphorus-containing compound to control the formation of soaps in various media. Also provided is the use of phosphorus containing compounds to remove metal ions from various media. An effective amount of the phosphorus-containing compound is contacted with the medium to remove the metal ions.